

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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LACLEDE - - - MISSOURI.

Vaudeville in airships is talked of. What won't the astronomers see?

It is suggested that one of the new states of the southwest shall be called Lincoln. Good.

It seems a good deal harder to get a jury these days than to acquit a murderer.

Maxim's noiseless gun may be an ingenious contrivance, but it will not be pretty when carried by an assassin.

The great constitutional lawyers of the senate may proceed to brush up a bit on the text of the constitution.

Castro says he still wants to have a hand in Venezuelan affairs, that is, presumably Venezuelan pockets.

"No great statesman can be born in New York," says Woodrow Wilson. Why, no. No baby is a great statesman.

Utah has pegged along for 60 years without a capital building. What have her grafters been thinking about?

No doubt an inventor will be along some day with a machine that will give us our cold waves steam heated.

Probably true that little is known of South America, but what we know of it causes hesitancy as to extending the acquaintance.

Spain is going to buy \$40,000,000 worth of new battleships. This money will no doubt be charged to the sinking fund.

The next thing to do is to invent speedometers that will not register a fraction of a mile every time a taxicab skids.

A Colorado legislator has declared war on tips, but neglects to say whether he means hotel or cork.

A New Yorker takes a plunge in the ocean every morning during the winter while others merely plunge in watered stocks.

Marcel waves are said to be going out of fashion, but so far there is no sign that cold waves are going to follow suit.

Tacoma burglars blew open a safe and stole a dog that was guarding it. They left the Tacoma police force intact.

Under a Pittsburg suburb a fire has been burning for 40 years, but even that doesn't account for all of the smoke.

Is this good old world of ours getting rickety or is the seismograph on a joint too with the thermometer, barometer and social speedometer?

"It is hard to get rich," says Mr. Rockefeller. Yes, and the trouble is the courts and the anti-trust laws are making it harder every day.

Fish cooked in a hundred different ways will be served in the Alaska building at the Seattle exposition. This will be done to show the food value of Alaska fish.

The wireless telegraph is still regarded as a good deal of a miracle, but has not yet been so perfected as to rescue men who skate on thin ice and fall through.

The childlike way in which our jewelers leave \$3,000 worth of diamonds where a man armed with a brick can get at them by breaking the plate glass goes to show that there is faith in the world which human experience would hardly justify.

Tennessee has joined the ranks of the prohibition states. After July 1 it will be illegal to sell liquor within four miles of a schoolhouse. Now all that is necessary is for the people to see that schoolhouses are not more than eight miles apart.

A New Orleans policeman arrested his wife because she was quarreling with another woman and led her to the police station. Most men would hate to hear what he will have to listen to when the affair is a closed incident so far as the public is concerned.

Bills to make compulsory wireless outfits on ocean-going vessels have been introduced in congress. They will be supported by public sentiment, after the splendid showing made by this service, and it will tend greatly to reassure those who either for business or pleasure go down to the sea in ships.

The New York Times tells of a distinguished citizen, asked the other day to sign a petition favoring woman suffrage, who replied that he would do so if two changes were made in the document: first, that if the suffrage were secured by the women it should be taken away from the men, and, secondly, that all women over 40 years of age should have two votes. The ladies are thinking it over.

OPEN SEASON FOR EDITOR SHOOTING.



The unwritten law to justify the killing of an editor who assails the character of a citizen in his paper has been advanced as an argument by the defense in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the killing of former Senator Carmack.—News Item.

FORMER GOV. MORRILL DEAD

DISTINGUISHED KANSAN PASSED AWAY AT SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Came to Kansas in 1857 and Took Leading Part in Building The State.

Hiawatha, Kansas.—Ex-Gov. Edmund Needham Morrill died at a hospital in San Antonio, Tex., early Sunday morning. His son, Frank N. Morrill of Kansas City, was with him at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill went to San Antonio early in January. It was believed the Southern winter would help them, as neither was strong enough to survive a hard winter in this climate. Mrs. Morrill was taken



E. N. MORRILL.

ill upon her arrival at San Antonio and was in bed until after Mr. Morrill was taken ill, February 21. She grew stronger and was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Baker, in Kansas City.

Early in 1857, when 23 years old, Mr. Morrill emigrated to Kansas, locating a few miles west of Hiawatha, when he, with others from Maine, founded a town, which they called Hamlin, in honor of one of Maine's United States senators, subsequently Vice-President of the United States.

In 1861 Mr. Morrill enlisted in the Seventh Kansas cavalry and served throughout the Civil war. Much of the time he was on detailed duty. In 1872 and 1876 he was elected a member of the state senate. In 1882 he was elected as one of the four members of congress from the state at large and in 1884, 1886 and 1888 was re-elected as a member of the First district. He declined a re-election in 1890 and returned to the active pursuit of his business, having his bank at Hiawatha, become interested in a bank in Leavenworth, of which he was made president.

As a member of congress he was industrious. Several terms he was the main working member of the pensions committee and in his last term was chairman of the committee on invalid pensions. He was one of the managers of the Soldiers' home in Leavenworth five years. In 1894 Mr. Morrill was elected governor of Kansas and served one term. His defeat for re-election, because his supposed friends deserted him, was a great disappointment to him. He wanted to go to the senate and the defeat for governor made that impossible.

An Aeronaut Loses His Life. Los Angeles, Cal.—Lester Elkins, aged 22, an aeronaut who attempted a balloon flight and parachute jump at San Pedro Monday, was carried by a strong wind out over the ocean and from a height of 4,500 feet dropped into the sea in the outer bay and was drowned. His home is in San Antonio, Texas.

ROOSEVELT MEETS EDITORS.

Breakfast for Former President Given by Robert J. Collier.

New York, N. Y.—Ex-President Roosevelt came into the city Saturday and breakfasted at the home of Robert J. Collier in Park avenue. The editor of Collier's Weekly had invited 30 men, all prominently identified with magazine work, to meet Mr. Roosevelt, and he discussed with them his coming labors as a magazine editor and writer. Among the literary men present were William Dean Howells, Richard Watson Gilder, Dr. Albert Shaw, Rev. Father John J. Wynne and Walter H. Page. Clarence H. Mackay, Maj. Gen. Wood and ex-Secretary of the Navy Newberry also were among the guests.

Boycott Kansas City.

Oklahoma City, Ok.—The Commercial club at McAlester Monday adopted resolutions declaring that the business men of that town favor a boycott on Kansas City if it's jobbers carry out their threats to boycott the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company. Several members of the State Federation of Commercial clubs held a conference Monday with Clark Hudson, secretary, and Mr. Hudson announced Monday night that he probably will call a special meeting of that organization to enter a protest against the threatened boycott of Kansas City. Telegrams from Ardmore and Bartlesville to the Chamber of Commerce Monday extended greetings because of Oklahoma City's proposed rate reduction, which according to local Missouri, Kansas and Texas officials, becomes effective April 23.

Railroads May Appeal.

Guthrie, Oklahoma.—A writ of Mandamus issued by Chief Justice Kane of the state supreme court Tuesday is a distinct victory for the railroads operating in Oklahoma over the corporation commission. Chairman Love is directed to certify up the record in all cases involving reduced freight rates, in spite of the recent order of the commission denying the railroads the right to appeal. The court holds that appeals may be filed within one year after the date of the order, the operation of the reduction to be suspended until final determination of the cases. The commission has heretofore refused to certify records in rate cases.

Japanese Cruisers Coming.

Yokohama, Japan.—The Japanese naval training squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Aso, and the protected cruiser Soya, sailed Monday for Honolulu, under command of Capt. Isaji. The ship carry 180 cadets of the Japanese navy. The squadron is due to arrive at Honolulu about April 1 and will then proceed to San Francisco, cruising northward later along the Pacific coast to Seattle. The Aso and Soya, as the Bayan and Variag, respectively, were formerly Russian cruisers. They were sunk by the Japanese during the recent war and were refloated later and added to the Japanese navy.

Senate Session Brief.

Washington, D. C.—The session of the senate Monday was very brief, the chief business being the reading of president's proclamation calling an extra session of the Sixty-first congress and the appointment of the committee formally to notify the president that the senate was in readiness to receive any message. Senators Stephenson of Wisconsin was sworn in as a United States senator. After being in session 15 minutes a recess was taken until 2 o'clock and almost immediately on re-assembling the senate adjourned.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PRESENTS MEASURE.

Suggestions Made By President Taft In Inaugural Address Are Largely Followed.

Washington, D. C.—The new tariff bill was presented to the house by Bereno Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee.

Downward revision, maximum and minimum provisions which impose an average maximum duty 20 per cent in excess of the present tariff, and numerous provisions by which it is estimated that the revenue of the government will be increased from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 are the features of the bill.

The recommendations made by President Taft that an inheritance tax be provided and that a limited amount of tobacco and sugar be admitted free from the Philippines are included in the bill.

While there is no duty imposed upon coffee, tea is taxed eight cents when imported from the country where it is produced and nine cents when from other than the producing countries.

The internal revenue tax on cigarettes is materially increased, while the tax on beer and whisky is undisturbed. A cut of 50 per cent is made in the steel and lumber schedules, and iron ore, hides, tallow, cotton seed oil and works of art more than twenty years old are placed on the free list.

The tariff on boots and shoes is reduced 40 per cent, ostensibly, and on other leather manufactures in proportion. The pottery schedule remains about the same, but the duties on window and plate glass of the smaller sizes are increased, while the duties on the larger sizes are reduced.

The tariff on wool of the first and second class, used principally in clothing, is not disturbed, but on wool of the third class, known as carpet wool, it is reduced on the cheaper grades. A five-cent reduction is made in the duties on shoddy and waste, while wool tops are assessed six cents a pound more than the duty on scoured wool, which is unchanged.

The recommendations for placing wood pulp on the free list and reducing the duties on print paper with certain restrictions, made by the Mann committee of the house, are incorporated in the bill.

Now Corbett Wants to Fight.

Washington, D. C.—James J. Corbett Wednesday night issued a second challenge for a fight with either Jeffries or Johnson. In it he says: "I am tired of seeing this fellow Johnson going around with his chest out and nobody seems inclined to fight him. So I take the right that any man has and hereby challenge James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson to box me any number of rounds or to a finish in any club in the world."

National Banks Cannot Participate.

Topeka, Kansas.—The comptroller of the currency, Lawrence O. Murray, holds that National banks in Kansas cannot participate in the guaranty fund to be created under the law passed by the Kansas legislature. This information is contained in a letter received Wednesday from Mr. Murray by W. W. Bowan of Topeka, secretary of the Kansas Bankers' association.

To Inspect Missouri River.

Washington, D. C.—With a view to ascertaining what it may require in the way of improvements, the waterways commission may inspect the Missouri river next summer. The commission is planning a tour of inspection which will include four large waterways after the adjournment of congress.

New Trial for Hayes.

St. Louis, Mo.—S. H. Hayes, cashier of the First National bank of Lexington, Ok., who had been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by the United States district court of Oklahoma on a charge of having made a false report of the condition of his bank to the comptroller of the currency, was by an opinion of the United States circuit court of appeals, Wednesday granted a new trial. The court declared the case against Hayes should have been dismissed after the government had presented its evidence.

Rates Are Discriminatory.

Washington, D. C.—It was held by the Interstate Commerce commission in a decision handed down Wednesday that the present adjustment of freight rates from Missouri river points to Denver and to Utah common points are discriminatory against Denver, in favor of Kansas City and other Missouri river crossings, and that the class rates from Chicago and St. Louis to Denver are excessive and unreasonable and should be reduced.

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